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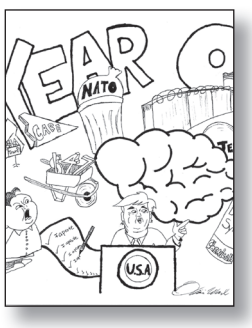

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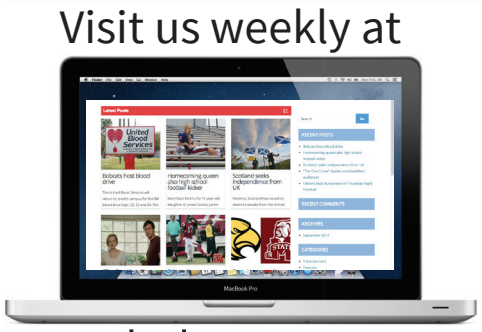

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Making healthy habits

Jones provides resources to help students stay healthy

Sophomore Jon Taylor practices healthy habits on the walking track on JCJC's campus. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BETHANY MORRIS

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FEATURES EDITOR

It is important for students to take care of the only body that they will ever have. A healthy diet, sleep, exercise and mental awareness are important for overall healthiness. There are resources available at Jones County Junior College and in the community to stay healthy.

Jones has a cafeteria with a variety of fresh foods prepared daily. With the right knowledge, eating healthy is not difficult and Jones helps to make it easier with fresh, healthy options. In fact, 79 percent of students surveyed on campus said that they felt like healthy options are available to them. The exhibition area in the cafeteria offers food often cooked right in front of students and faculty. The salad, sandwich and soup bars offer fresh, healthy, customizable options, and the classic side of the cafeteria offers home-style food often served with sides of vegetables. In addition, there are a variety of restaurants in Ellisville for off campus eating.

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It can be hard to get enough sleep while in college, but it is not impossible. For early birds, scheduling 8 a.m. or even 7 a.m. classes is no problem, but not everyone can function to the best of one's ability early in the morning. For students who like to sleep later, forming a schedule at later hours can make a world of difference. Getting school work done in the evening can prevent students from staying up all night to finish last minute assignments.

JCJC has its very own gym that is available to all students after filling out a simple application. Despite this, the campus survey revealed that 16 percent of students said that they never exercise despite the opportunities made available to them. The campus fitness center provides an area for cardio, weights, and a variety of fitness equipment.

Apart from the gym, there is a running track around the pond and intramural sports taking place at

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MFACJC works to fill the gap for Mississippi's community colleges

MAKAYLA PUCKETT
NEWS EDITOR

Valentine's day is a time to celebrate love. On that day, JCJC had six students, four teachers and one president show how much they love their school by traveling to the Mississippi state capitol in Jackson to encourage legislators to restore $37 million in state funding cuts the state's junior and community colleges suffered in 2016 and 2017.

Each year the junior and community colleges of Mississippi have to cut back on budgets and staff due to the increasingly restricted budgets given by the state. In 2016 and 2017 the state legislature cut funding five times and are proposing another 1.8 percent cut next year. As the result of state funding cuts, community college tuition increased up to 13 percent at some colleges for the current year.

Community colleges are asking for two-year institutions to be funded between how much four-year institutions and K-12 schools are funded. In other words, four-year colleges and universities are given $7,300 per student each year and K-12 schools are given $5,500 per student each year. The junior and community colleges are only given $3,900 per each in-state student each year.

There are many reasons why equitable funding is so important not only to schools' faculty and students but also to the state's overall economy. Mississippi currently has approximately 40,000 jobs available. Many of those jobs could be filled by the skilled workers community colleges produce. According to fillthegap.ms, community colleges in Mississippi educate nearly 100,000 students each year. The state's economy gets back $4.80 for every $1 invested in community colleges. That is nearly a five-to-one return on the state's spending.

JCJC students Zach McClain, Makayla Puckett, Bethany Morris, Kristen Feraci, and Olivia Ward talk to Jones County Representative Donnie Scoggin. Inset photo below, a screenshot from the fillthegap.ms website. PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The Mississippi Faculty Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MFACJC), along with the 15 college presidents, want fair and equitable funding of $62,170,752, which

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Bell encourages students to overcome obstacles

KRISTEN FERACI
FEATURES EDITOR

Carlos Bell speaks to JCJC students and faculty during the annual Black History Month program. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

On Feb. 13, Jones County Junior College welcomed Carlos Bell to speak at its annual Black History Leadership program, "Leading from Within."

In Bell's speech, he emphasized the importance of relationships in careers because what people remember most is the relationships that they form. He learned that if you can get people on your team - build and cultivate relationships with those around you - you will have more opportunities.

"You can be the smartest cookie in the jar and still not get the job because you don't have any relationships to build off of," said Bell.

To demonstrate "Leading from Within," Bell talked about the obstacles that he overcame and about how he overcame them. "Until you are fed up with the situation you're in, you can't change the situation," said Bell. "You must become fed up and then fired up in order to change your situation."

Bell attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, where he played baseball and went on to attend William Carey University. In the 1990's, Bell was herding cattle in a stockyard, making $75 a day. His first "real" job was working at Dominoes. He joined the United States Army in 1998 and was injured in 2003 when he was blown out of a guard tower. He continued to serve until 2005.

Gabrielle Yates, a freshman at JCJC, said, "He showed me that it doesn't matter where you start in life or how many times you mess up, with determination you can accomplish anything."

Bell worked as the Regional Coordinator for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Regional Director for Waggoner Engineering and the State Lead Advisor for British Petroleum before he was hired as the first African American Director of Engagement with the Port of Gulfport in 2014.

Black History Month is a time, every February, to celebrate African American achievements and their roles and contributions in the history of the United States. According to History.com, this month has been celebrated every year since 1976 in the United States and a few other countries, including Canada.

SGA provides many social events

JD CANNON
STAFF WRITER

Freshman Sean Pickens gets to know his "date" at speed dating on Feb. 13. PHOTO BY MAKAYLA PUCKETT

When attending college, it can sometimes be difficult to truly engage and meet many people, but the Student Government Association is there to help students connect.

The SGA on the Jones County Junior College campus understands it can be difficult for the average student to make friends if he or she is simply going to class and then back home or to the dorm. Every semester the SGA provides plenty of events for students to attend.

The month of February alone had many events such as the Mardi Gras Masquerade, Speed Dating and Human Hungry Hippos. The Speed Dating event was started as a way for students to simply get to know each other. Students gather at the Student Union and separate in pairs. A couple will sit at a table together and will be given a series of questions to ask each other. They will be given one minute to get to know one another and then one person from that table will move to the next table until the game is over.

Sonya Dykes, the SGA advisor said, "The goal is not for students to find a significant other, but to meet people they would not normally talk to."

Many people love this event because it pushes them to talk to new people and gives them confidence to talk to others.

"Speed dating at Jones is always a lot of fun," said sophomore Sidnee Watkins. "You get to meet new people and put names to the faces you see around campus. It's a fun and welcoming environment, and even though you may not meet the love of your life you will definitely leave with new friends."

Another fun event SGA puts on in February is Human Hungry Hippos, an event that is based on a board game. Students compete to win by separating into teams of four and act as the "hippos" to gather balls that are placed in the middle of the floor. Each round lasts one minute, and the team that gathers the most balls after two rounds will be the winner. Dykes said the game was fast-paced, competitive and a fun time.

In addition to these events, SGA planned fun themes for the student section of the JCJC basketball games. Students dressed to follow the themes, including superhero, pajamas and Hawaiian. For the month of March, SGA plans to have a karaoke night and will help with the campus blood drive. Look to www.bobcatpress.com for more information as the events approach.

Mardi gras-themed masquerade formal held in Student Union

Students dance the night away to DJ Don King at the SGA sponsored Mardi Gras formal. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

JENNAH EDDINS
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 8, the Student Government Association hosted a Mardi Gras formal in the Union.

Students had a blast dancing and enjoying time with friends and classmates. Don King was the DJ for the formal and he even featured JCJC students on his Snapchat and Instagram.

Jones hosts events like this to take away stress and tension that college life brings. The event was paid for by the Next Steps in Health grant JCJC recently renewed. The grant offers events on campus to get students moving which includes dancing as a form of excercise.

Freshmen and sophomores alike were able to enjoy the formal, which took place from 8-11 p.m.

Students were encouraged to wear whatever was their best. For some it was an old prom dress, for others is was their "Sunday best." Despite the variation in attire, dance attendees focused more on their best dance moves than being best dressed.

Audrey Arguello, freshman, said she enjoyed her time at the Mardi Gras formal.

"I really enjoyed getting to go to the masquerade dance and have fun with friends and

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Brooks' works displayed at JCJC

BROOKE MCNABB
STAFF WRITER

Art major Jessica Wade looks at photography by Robert Brooks, which will be on display until March 23. PHOTO BY BROOKE MCNABB

Jones County Junior College's art department is showcasing two artists in the gallery until March 23. The exhibition features Robert Brooks with his "Variation in Photograph" collection and Mozart Dedeaux and his captivating story of the "Heron King."

Robert Brooks, a New Orleans, Louisiana native decided that he wanted to expand his photography skills in every way possible in this showcase. Brooks has many types of landscapes from the country as well as breathtaking portraits of people that tell a story. His main goal was to learn everything, but to also use simplicity when he could.

"This little device right here," Brooks said as he held up his cell phone, "is the thing I used most, whether it was for taking the picture or editing."

Brooks mostly captured things from his everyday life but would journey great distances. His favorite piece of the collection is a panorama of the Dragon Mountain Range simply because of the journey it took him to get the picture. Brookcurrently resides in Biloxi, Mississippi where he is now retired. Brooks was a former preparator and curator for the O'Keefe Museum of art in Biloxi, Mississippi where he also taught photography.

Mozart Dedeaux, a

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Blood Drive

Want to give the gift of life? A blood drive will be held from March 5 - 7 in the P.E. Building. Appointments are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is encouraged to make an appointment online at www.bloodhero.com, however walk ins are welcome. Female dorm students will be able to miss having one room inspection after showing proof of donating blood. Male dorm students will be able to miss any meeting during the month of March with proof of donation. Free t-shirts will be given to donors while supplies last.

OPINION

Editorial

College is the best time to take care of yourself

During the years spent at college, there is so much to maintain. Classes, clubs and social events seem to suck up every bit of time in the day. Because of this, exercise and healthy eating tend to get left out.

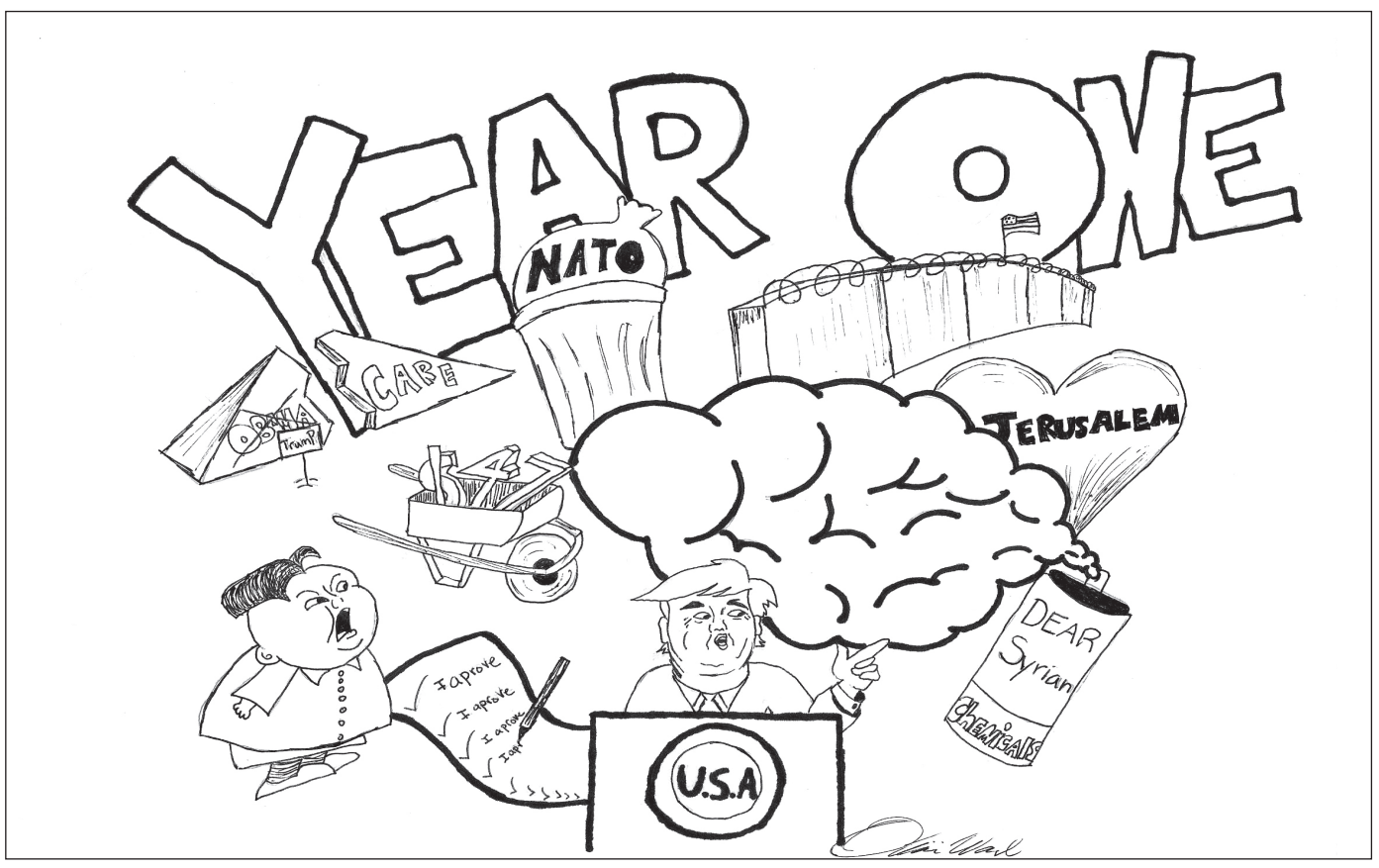
Although it may be difficult, college is the best time to create and maintain healthy habits. Not only is this the best time to create these habits, it may be the easiest time. Eating healthy and exercising will also better the college experience.

According to The Center for Online Education, physical exercise can reduce stress, boost brain function, improve mood and improve quality of sleep. These reasons to exercise can make studying and taking classes easier.

Campus Mind Works at the University of Michigan said, "Your diet affects the brain neurochemistry that controls mood and response to stress, the way your brain and body interact and the higher brain functions that control learning, memory and intellectual functioning." These aspects of the brain are crucial for classwork.

Eating healthy and exercising are so important that Jordan Metzl, M.D., said it was "a miracle drug that prevents almost every illness, is 100 percent effective, and has very few side effects." These habits created during college can help you later in life too.

The staff at the Radionian believes that exercise and healthy eating are essential to a fulfilling life. Without them, people aren't at their very best. A person only has one body. Instead of squandering it away to fast food and laziness, nourish it with better options and a walk every once any a while. The decision to eat healthy and exercise doesn't have to be made all at once, but it needs to be made soon. Now is the right time to do it.



Analyzing Trump's first year in office

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Donald Trump's first year in office has been an eventful one. With his slogan of "Make America Great Again," he has been doing the job in which no one thought he would ever succeed. This man is the President of the United States of America.

Despite what many think, Trump has had some positives come out of his first year in office. According to CNBC, "the Dow Jones is up 31 percent since Donald Trump was elected." This is no small feat; the presidency can make the stock market soar or crash in an instant. He has also created 1.7 million jobs according to Market Watch. This has done wonders for the U.S. economy.

With the help of the U.S. military, Trump also wiped out the Islamic State's physical caliphate. According to The National Review, "In January of 2017, ISIS controlled 23,300 square miles. Today it holds onto about 9,300 square miles."

Trump also made some decisions to please the conservative crowd including nominating Neil Gorsuch for Supreme Court justice and recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The president has also enforced Barack Obama's redline against the use of chemical weapons by Syria.

Despite the positives in his first year in office, Trump has had his fair share of failures. During his time in office, Trump had 17 members of his staff resign or be fired since his election, according to Business Insider. These people include Sean Spicer, Steve Bannon and Sally Yates.

Trump has also dealt with an investigation into the allegations of Russia meddling with the U.S. election. For many, this has caused a lapse in trust in his supporters. In a timeline created by the Washington Post, it details that Donald Trump has been dealing with the investigation since February of 2017: "At some point after a Feb. 14 New York Times report about communication between Trump staff and

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People should stand up and say #NoMore

BROOKE MCNABB
STAFF WRITER

"For too long, survivors of sexual assault and harassment have been in the shadows," said Tanya Burke, leader of the #MeToo movement. "We have been too afraid to speak up, to say, 'me too' and seek accountability."

While the popularity of the #MeToo movement has recently surfaced thanks to a tweet from A-list celebrity Alyssa Milano, it has been the proverbial baby of Burke since 2006. What started as a project to help young women of color to cope and share their experiences has now blossomed into a full-on protest for all people and walks of life to speak up about their abusers. Burke uses the "empowerment of empathy" to help survivors know they are not alone and their voices are heard.

Many of the abusers, mostly top-paid CEO's of companies or The "who's who" of Hollywood, claim to have never even met some of the women speaking up against them. In an interview with "Time Magazine" film star Ashley Judd opens up about her encounter with head of Miramax, Harvey Weinstein. "I started talking about Harvey the minute it happened," Judd said. "I exited the hotel room and came straight down to the lobby where my dad was waiting for me. He could tell something had happened to me. I told him. I told everyone."

Judd is not the first or only person to speak up about their abuse. "The Silence Breakers" are a group of people collected globally by "Time

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American health care might be the worst it's ever been

OLIVIA WARD
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The 2010 Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare, was to be replaced by the American Health Care Act, unveiled by the House of Representatives on March 6, 2017. By May 4, the bill was passed in a closed vote. AHCA defunded Planned Parenthood, scaled back Medicaid, and cut federal assistance. The bill caused millions of Americans to lose their health insurance coverage due to the extreme pricing. According to Vox.com, it is estimated that by 2026, over 24 million more people will be uninsured.

The AHCA is no different compared to Obamacare. The 2010 act had regulations such as staying on a parent's insurance until the age of 26, pre-existing condition coverage, lifetime limit bans, tax subsidies and Medicaid expansion.

Compared to the AHCA, the only difference is the "leaner" tax subsidies, which is now based upon age and not income. Therefore, a 30 year old with low income will receive the same amount of tax subsidies compared to another 30 year old in a higher income bracket. The other difference is that Medicaid is expected to cease in 2020 in at least 31 states due to financial capacity. That's over $880 billion cut from the program.

It is argued that Donald Trump allowed this act as a simple "win" in order to ease American's minds. Ironically, this bill has done the exact opposite. There

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Privatization: a problem or a possibility?

The Left

Democrat

by Baylee **Walter**

Privatization is the practice of letting public service be taken over by for-profit business. This means that the businesses that are private do not have to follow government regulation in terms of how to run. While this may seem like a good idea, privatization can quickly lead to problems.

In 2018, almost anything can be privatized. The public transportation system has been privatized by businesses like Uber and Lyft, and the water fountain industry has been privatized by companies like Reefill. These companies can make things easier for the consumers, but more difficult for the business world.

When large companies become privatized, competition increases. Over time, the bigger company wins and creates a monopoly. Private monopolies cannot be regulated. According to EconomicHelp.org, "Privatization creates private monopolies, such as the water companies and rail companies. These need regulating to prevent abuse of monopoly power. Therefore, there is still need for government

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The Right

Republican

by Alyssa **Pearce**

The idea of running public services as private businesses has weaved in and out of the American spotlight since before the presidency of Ronald Reagan in 1981. 2018 is another year in which privatization has made its way back to the forefront.

President Donald Trump has expressed many a time that converting several government-operated services to privately-run sectors is the best way to rebuild America's crippling infrastructure. Those who oppose this appeal state that it will not save money at all and those who agree argue that it will save the government money in the long run. In addition, privatization is often welcomed more by conservatives who prefer less federal government involvement in their everyday lives and is rebuked more by liberals who garner for more government involvement in state decisions.

From a fiscally conservative Republican perspective, of course privatization seems like the best way to conserve tax dollars. At what cost, though? Ever since former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher closed a budget gap in the 1970s through privatization, as stated by Salon.com, other

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JCJC soccer teams will be kicking it overseas

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STAFF WRITER

For certain student athletes on campus, spring break will be far from the typical break. JCJC women's and men's soccer teams will travel the whole northern half of Ireland March 6 through March 16.

The group will begin by flying into Dublin. From there they will go north to men's soccer coach Brendan Connolly's home in Belfast. They will stay there two nights and one night in Derry City.

Afterwards they will travel to the northwest coast for two nights close to women's coach Dolores Deasley's home in Donegal. Then they will go south to the west coast for two nights in Galway. Finishing up the traveling, they will go across the country to the east coast for two more nights back in the capital city of Dublin.

The soccer program has hosted this trip since 2012. They try to make it happen every two years, making this the fourth trip. Each soccer player has the opportunity to travel if they stay two years at JCJC.

While traveling, the students will cover Irish history and hike in some of the most beautiful parts of the country. The players will also have a day on an Irish farm playing lots of different team building games with an Irish farm twist. The teams will also hit several tourist landmarks along the way.

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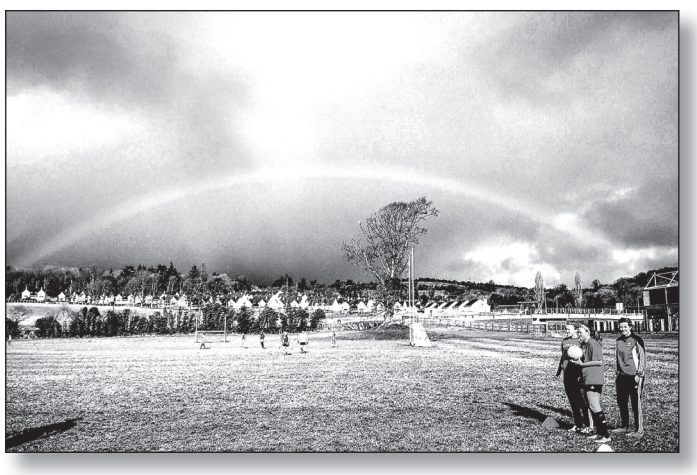

Above photo, the women's soccer team at "Ireland's Holiest Mountain." Left photo, former women's soccer players Shelby Gilliland, Maddie Mills and Ali Sullivan learn to play the Irish sport, Gaelic football, during a previous trip to Ireland. PHOTOS SUBMITTED

JCJC's Fellowship of Christian Athletes welcomes new director

Director Scott Pittman teaches a discipleship lesson to sophomore Devon Griffin. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

MAKAYLA PUCKETT
NEWS EDITOR

In 1993 former Bobcat baseball player and current Fellowship of Christian Athletes Area Director, Scott Pittman, knew a very different version of Jones County Junior College than the one today.

"There is nothing about JCJC that is the same as it was when I went to school here except for maintaining the small town personality," said Pittman about the place he met his wife.

The chance to come back to JCJC to work as the FCA area and campus director was a perfect fit for Pittman. After attending a Breakfast of Champions at the University of Southern Mississippi in the spring of 2017, the wheels set in motion for Pittman to fill the soon to be empty office on the second floor of the Student Center.

"A board member and friend of mine informed me that the previous director was leaving and that this job would be a perfect fit for me," said Pittman. "I dismissed it but God wouldn't let it go so on June 1, I was full time with FCA."

The job of area director includes not only Jones County high schools and middle schools, but also those in Wayne and Perry counties in addition to overseeing the FCA ministry at William Carey University. As campus director, Pittman also manages the FCA activities at JCJC.

"I go into high schools and middle schools to stand alongside coaches who are believers and want to use their platform to encourage other believers," said Pittman.

Taking a leap of faith from full time church ministry to full time campus ministry was an adjustment for Pittman but one that results in him telling his wife, Donna, every day that he loves his job.

"I love knowing that every day I get to build relationships with people who are able to use their influence for the gospel," said Pittman. The purpose of FCA is to create a place where athletes and students who are believers can join together to use their platform to promote their faith. The four pillars on which are encouraged through FCA is character, excellence, integrity and a servant heart.

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Downtown Laurel hosts Chili Cook Off

FUN FOOD

by Jennah **Eddins**

Downtown Laurel hosted the 7th annual Magnolia State Bank Chili cook off on Saturday, February 10. Despite the rain, hundreds of guests and spectators came to Central Avenue to enjoy samples of hot, delicious chili made by 25 different teams. There was also live music and vendors at the event. There was a $10 entry for unlimited chili and the ability to vote for people's choice as well as an option to buy beautiful handmade pottery made by Carl Buchanan.

Numerous prizes were awarded throughout the event. Knights of Columbus won the people's choice award for favorite chili, while the spirit award was given to Laurel Country Club. For traditional chili, 1st prize was awarded to Crossroads, while PDI's got 2nd place and Peddler's Junction got 3rd. For home-style chili, 3rd place was Perfect Temp's team, 2nd place was Southern Spice, and 1st place and a grand prize of $1000 went to Southern Hospitality, whose team features three JCJC cafeteria staff.

Billy Nash, cafeteria director at Jones, worked as the leader of the team for Southern Hospitality. Also on the team was Andy Wu, a chef here at Jones, John Parker, who cooks in the cafeteria on Sundays, Ricky Gatty, and Petey Barnett. Southern Hospitality also won the chili cook off in 2017, and there is no denying that their chili was crowd pleasing.

Presentation was a huge factor for Nash's team. He gave every sample bowl of chili a generous helping of grated cheese and a colored tortilla.

Bailey Morris, a senior at Quitman High School, really enjoyed her time at the chili cook off.

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Left to right, Billy Nash, Lew Yoder, Petey Barnett, Heather Brown, Andy Wu and John Parker show their award at the cook off. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

Home-schooled student adapts to college

SAM HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

At Jones County Junior College there are a variety of different students with different interests, majors and backgrounds. There is also a much smaller demographic of students who come from a non-traditional educational background known as homeschooling. Daniel Ortlepp, an 18-year-old freshman, graduated from high school at 17 and came straight to Jones.

Ortlepp took all of the subjects that an individual in high school would take, but in his own home. Being homeschooled did not limit the possibilities that he could pursue, rather it gave him very unique opportunities.

Along with homeschooling, Ortlepp was able to volunteer at the Laurel-Jones County Library during high school, and he still does. He was also able to attend a political leadership program known as TeenPact that trains young individuals to be excellent leaders. The experience of coming onto a college campus was much different than he thought it would be.

"Jones is a very friendly place. I expected college to be more intimidating, but it's actually quite nice. Everyone is really friendly here," said Ortlepp.

With this big step in his life, Ortlep mentioned the changes in everyday life routines and how they were challenging. In his normal homeschooling routine, he was able to get up and start his school work in a quiet and simple environment. This ended with having to go to class each morning and all the chaos that comes with it.

Also, when he was in the homeschooled setting, Ortlepp was able to spend a day doing catch up work on certain subjects, as well as working ahead. This also changed when he started at JCJC with a much more rigid class schedule. However, there are positives. One of the things that Ortlepp has enjoyed most about his time at Jones thus far is spending time with other students outside of class.

Ortlepp commented on

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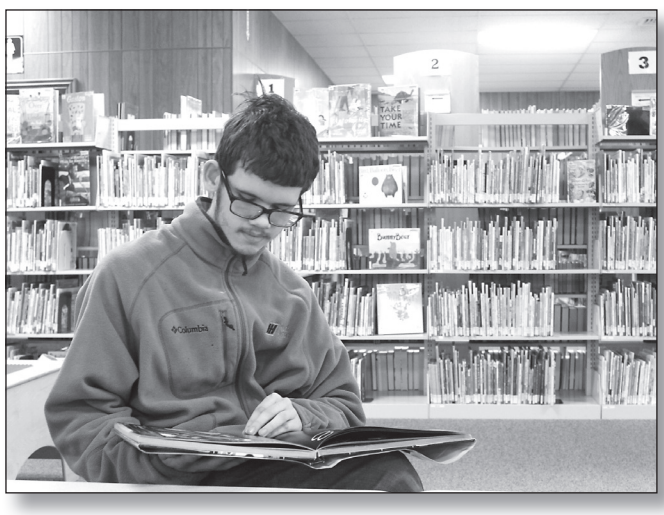

Ortlepp scans through a library book. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

JCJC Engineering Society provides opportunities

OLIVIA WARD
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

JCJC's Engineering Society is a great way to introduce students to the engineering field. Once a month, the Engineering Society meets with various companies who talk to the students and provide details about what their company does.

Science instructor Mary Boleware, the sponsor of the Engineering Society, started the student chapter based off the state's National Society of Professional Engineering.

"The purpose of our student chapter is to go out and expose them to the world of engineering," said Boleware.

They take many trips during the year in order to gain more experience and insight on their careers. Last year, the group took a tour to Dunn Roadbuilders in Laurel to learn about the details of asphalt paving. The club also has trips that are made annually; for instance, their trip to Mississippi State University.

Each year, the students meet with their respective engineering departments and gain insight on transferring to better their education. Recently the group took a trip to Starkville to tour MSU's Raspet Flight Research Laboratory to talk with the research facility on aerospace engineering.

Students receiving engineering scholarships are, left to right, Chris Powe, Ben Armour, Maggie Merrel and James Coleman. PHOTO BY MARY BOLEWARE

The Engineering Society has allowed students to

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‘Never say Never’ a Jonas Brothers Reunion

MEGHAN FULLER
STAFF WRITER

If anyone has heard the deafening screams from teenagers around the world recently, then they’re probably wondering the reason for the freak-out. Rumors sparked of a Jonas Brothers reunion when the band reactivated their group’s Instagram after a five-year break from the spotlight. Debates have broken out about whether or not the reunion is true, but fans still remain hopeful. In an interview on the red carpet from E! News, Nick Jonas commented on the speculations.

“Right now, there’s no reunion planned but I can never say never. You never know what’s going to happen,” Jonas said.

The same band that created hits like “S.O.S,” “Burnin’ Up” and “Lovebug” also had a reunion dinner, according to their backing musician. Currently, the brothers are all doing their own thing, but according to Twitter fans, they would rather see the boys back together again. Kevin Jonas married Danielle Deleasa in 2009 and is now focused on work and family. When asked about the band’s breakup in 2013, he spoke to “Good Morning America” about the reason.

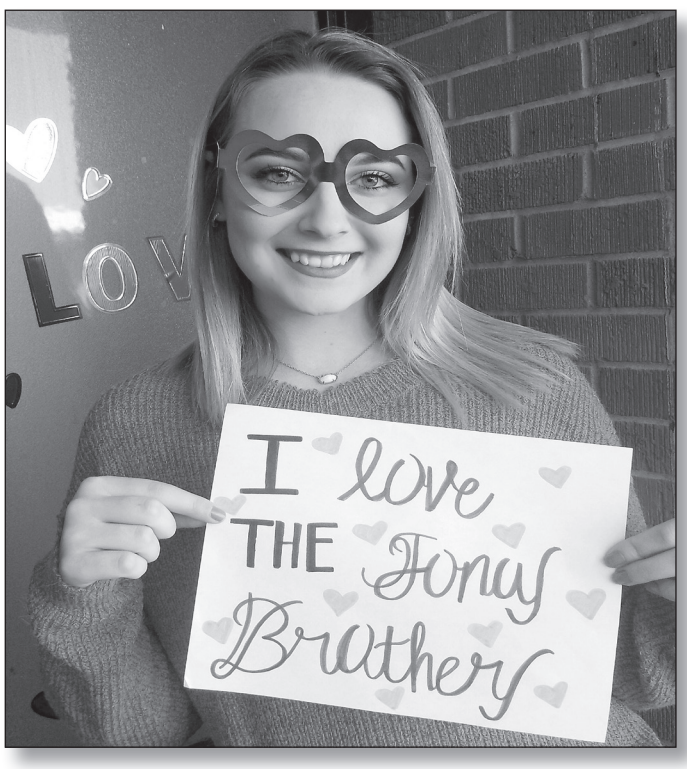
“I think it was time, and for us it took some time getting there, but we feel like it’s time that the Jonas Brothers come to an end,” Jonas said.

Even Nick joined in on the conversation, saying the boys were stepping back because “prioritizing our family is really important to us,” according to “People” magazine.

Rumors broke out about Nick wanting a solo career. Although he was blamed for the end of the group, Nick, along with the rest of the family, agreed that the decision was mutual when realizing the importance of family and the necessity to steer clear of the toxic road the brothers were heading down. It was said by multiple family friends that the stress of fame and fortune had begun a dispute between the brothers, which is something they wanted to avoid. At first, Kevin and Joe were clueless of Nick wanting to leave the band, but it became clear when he brought it to their attention.

“Kevin and I thought we were going into a meeting about releasing some of the music we’d been working on,” said Joe. Instead, Nick told them he was considering calling it quits, according to “People.”

Fans were devastated when the band announced the ending of their tour in 2013, which eventually led to the end of the group, but teens still held on to the dream that their favorite trio would come back even stronger. Now, people are going crazy over the speculations. Even if the news might not be true, a teenage girl can only hope.



JCJC freshman Victoria Barrett shows her love for her childhood band Jonas Brothers. PHOTO BY MEGHAN FULLER

LLT shows a show within a show

JULIA BERRY
STAFF WRITER

In their 57th season, Laurel Little Theatre will be running a Michael Frayn comedy in March. Sam Buchanan will direct the comedy, “Noises Off.”

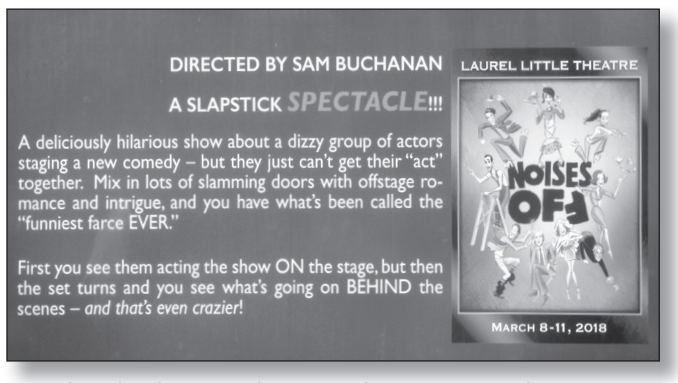
The show will perform March 8 through March 10 at 7:30 p.m. and March 11 at 2 p.m.

The performance will be about a dazed group of actors performing a new comedy. A mixture of offstage romances, slamming doors and the inability to get their act together will provide an entertaining time for the audience.

The audience is going to be able to see what is happening “on stage” as well as what is happening “backstage.” Some sets will be set up as if the actors are on stage, and then the set will switch to the cast as if they are offstage. The production is more complex than some of the theater’s previous performances; therefore, it requires more experience, so the full cast consists of LLT alumni.

JCJC freshman Natalie Davis has the role of Brooke in the comedy. She is also a member of JC Voices and the choir on campus.

“I’m mostly looking forward to all of it coming together. It’s a very crazy show, but once it all comes together for the performance, it’s going to be so wonderful,” said Davis.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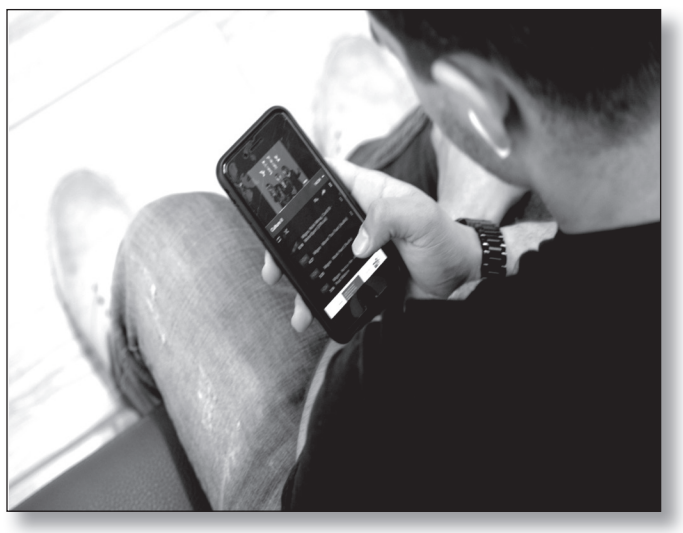
Laurel Little Theatre advertises the upcoming show, “Noises Off” in downtown Laurel. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

The director of the show has been active with LLT since his teenage years. Buchanan, a USM alum, has been an actor, director, light board operator and set designer at the theater.

Tickets for adults are $17. Students and senior citizens tickets are $15. “Noises Off” is not a kid friendly show. There are adult situations and references throughout the play that are inappropriate for younger ages.


JCJC freshman Rish Poudel listens to Migos’ new album “Culture II” in McClellan Hall. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

Rap group, Migos, releases new album

ALYSSA PEARCE
STAFF WRITER

Migos has experienced great success in recent years with a suave take on Mumble rap styles and sharp beats. With hits like “Bad and Boujee” under their belt, Migos released “Culture II,” their third studio album, on Feb. 20.

With a lengthy tracklist of 24 total songs on two discs, there is a lot to choose from and listeners are sure to have at least a few songs they like. A few tracks that stand out are “Work Hard” with its captivating message and positive vibe, “Notice Me” with a smooth sound and “Higher We Go,” which was an excellent intro that really served as a great warm-up for the album.

With any good album, guest vocals are always a plus. While fans want to hear the album artist, it is refreshing to hear different voices complement the stars. “Culture II” undeniably has some strong features. Post Malone, Drake, 21 Savage, Cardi B and Nicki Minaj are some hot names in hip hop and rap right now, so it is an admirable feat for “Culture II” to feature all of these artists and then some.

While there were a lot of good things on this album to talk about, there are bad things as well. It is true that Quavo, Offset and Takeoff are talented rappers and earned the popularity and success that they have, but there isn’t much variation in style or sound in the 2018 sequel album. The beat sounds the same in most of the songs on the album, with only a few exceptions. In some cases, it can be difficult to add variation to a beat and remain true to one’s rapping style and flow

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Final Maze Runner arrives in theaters

SAM HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

The third and final movie in the Maze Runner series leaves the series in possibly the best way.

The entire series takes place in a dystopian society headed by an organization called WCKD (also referred to as simply wicked). The main characters are all teens and young adults who are test subjects in experiments and trials for wicked. The main character in this series is Thomas, who is the one who drives the story forward.

From the beginning of this series there is a great deal of mystery to what is going on with the individuals in the story, how they got to where they are and who is behind all of it. There is also a great deal of tension and mystery in the making of this movie, with a two year gap between the second movie known as the scorch trials and the final movie, titled “The Death Cure.”

In this final installment, the entire plot revolves around wicked and a deadly virus that is destroying the human race. The plot is very well constructed and built upon through each of the movies with plot twists such as one of the main characters Mino being taken by wicked and the others having to rescue him. The story is worth the

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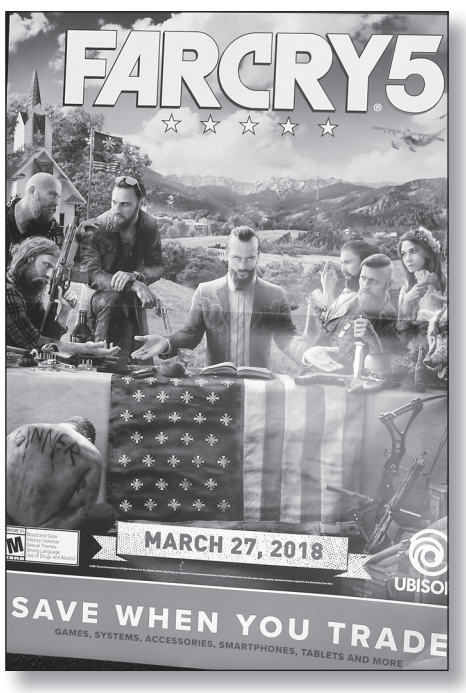
The Grand Theater poster advertising Maze Runner: The Death Cure. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

‘Far Cry’ releases latest game in series



GameStop advertises “Far Cry5” in Laurel. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

GAME GURU by Harrison Walley

Since the days of “Doom,” one of the games that helped to push the shooter genre of gaming onto the grand podium it now sits upon, shooter games have constantly been updating and innovating to compete in a changing market. A shining example of this would be in the “Far Cry” series.

The series has lasted for more than a decade, and a number of the genre’s most memorable villains originate from this series. With the newest addition to the series set to release March 27, perhaps it is to time to reflect on previous installments of the series in order to more thoroughly enjoy the world of “Far Cry.”

Released originally in March of 2004, “Far Cry” had players in the shoes of Jack Carver, a former special forces soldier, who must battle his way through mercenaries as he searches for a missing journalist while stranded on an archipelago. It was a simpler game, and the time of its release meant that it was no work of grand visual imagery, at least by the standards of today, but it would lead to much more in the years to come.

Close to four years later, in 2008, “Far Cry 2” was released. The setting of this game was a drastic shift from the first, as the players now found themselves in Africa, the area embroiled in a war between two large factions. An emphasis is also placed upon sandbox-style gameplay and exploring. Players are able to

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March Events

- Spring Musical “The King and I” at 7 p.m. in Fine Arts, March 2
- JCJC Blood Drive, all day March 5-7
- “Noises Off” on March 8-10 at 7:30 p.m. and March 11 at 2 p.m. at Laurel Little Theatre and Laurel
- HomeTown on March 12 at 6 p.m. at The Laurel Mercantile Co. in Laurel
- Make a Difference Concert on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Hattiesburg Bottling Company
- Cloud Wars on March 17 at 7 p.m. at Slowboat Brewing Company in Laurel
- March Madness on March 17 from noon to midnight at Hub City Dragway in Hattiesburg
- Rockin’ Autism Acceptance on March 24 at 5 p.m. at Slowboat Brewing Company in Laurel
- The Carbon Brothers on March 31 at 7 p.m. at Slowboat Brewing Company in Laurel

Bobcats start season with wins

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NEWS EDITOR

A fresh cut field, the smell of popcorn, a light breeze... it's the perfect day for baseball. Returning to the diamond with a previous season record of 46-4 and back-to-back Region 23 MACJC championship titles, the JCJC baseball team is ready for more. Head coach Chris Kirtland has successfully created a winning culture within the baseball program at JCJC.

This season Kirtland's expectations are simple, "I expect to see a bunch of guys get out there and fight hard every time we have a double header."

In order to meet those expectations requires hard work on the players' end.

"Everyday there is a constant reminder to respect the process to work harder today than we did yesterday," said Kirtland.

Three players who are familiar with the process and expectations of this program were also members of the 2016 NJCAA Division II World Series championship team. Redshirt sophomores Tyler Spring, Jay Simpson and Bryce Fagan bring experience to the Bobcats' pitching staff.

"You can't really replace or put a premium on that kind of leadership and experience," said Kirtland.

On the other hand, top offensive spots are up for grabs.

"Early on in the season we are probably going to go with a lot of different line up combinations," said Kirtland. "So if you are a baseball player you have to be able to handle that. We are very anxious to see who is going to rise to the top and win their spot."

Even before falling short to Hinds Community College in the Region 23 MACJC tournament last spring, Coach Kirtland and the Bobcats have always known how difficult their division is.

"In this league if you practice well enough and

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The JCJC baseball and softball teams pose for team pictures on the field during media day. PHOTOS TAKEN BY BROOKE MCNABB

JCJC tennis heads into a new season

BETHANY MORRIS
BOBCAT PRESS EDITOR

As the JCJC tennis teams face a new season, the inclement weather has caused many of their matches to be rescheduled, but they did manage to open their season by playing scrimmage matches against Millsaps in Jackson. JCJC tennis teams were able to continue their season with wins at Holmes Community College on Feb. 13. The Lady Bobcats won 9-0 and the Bobcats won 8-1.

The Bobcats hosted Copiah- Lincoln on Feb. 15 and the Lady Bobcats pulled out another win for this season. The Lady Bobcats' overall match score against the Lady Wolves was 6-3. The Bobcats fell to the Wolves 7-2. Beginning season scores are now Lady Bobcats 2-0 and Bobcats 1-1.

The women's team includes four returning sophomores and three freshmen. The returning

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Bobcat tennis player Jed Slover prepares to return ball across court. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

Cheerleaders take 3rd in championship

JESHAIAH STEPHENS
STAFF WRITER

JCJC cheerleaders are celebrating their success after placing third place in the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) College National Championship.

This championship is the most prestigious cheer competition in the country, held at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. College teams from all over the country train all year, pushing themselves mentally and physically to compete to the best of their abilities.

Many believe that the goal in such a competition is to rank first place, receiving recognition of success and achievement. To the cheerleaders at Jones, however, success is measured beyond a shining brass trophy.

Cheer is often recognized as an organized fan sport, but being a cheerleader

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JCJC basketball teams set sites on post-season play

PY'NECIOUS COWART
STAFF WRITER

The Jones County Junior College Men's and Women's Basketball teams continue to strive toward excellence. Throughout the season, the Bobcats have successfully executed techniques and shown an incredible skill-set that has put them in the position to bring home many consecutive wins. The Lady Bobcats are currently ranked third in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges South Division, while the Bobcats are tied for fourth with Southwest Bears.

After a successful season last year, the anticipation for Lady Bobcat basketball was at an all-time high. These ladies' positive attitudes and desire to be coached is a contributing factor for their nonstop success.

Women's head coach Missy Bilderback said, "The Lady Bobcats have lived up to the expectation created by the previous victorious teams. These ladies have done a great job handling the pressure and playing on the level we're capable of."

The team's experience has been vital this season. The sophomore ladies who played last season know how to win and how to compete. The Lady Bobcats are 11-1 in the division and 18-3 overall.

Led by head coach Randy Bolden, the Men's Basketball team have developed a new sense of teamwork and pushed through the tough season earning a top spot in the MACJC South division. The Bobcats have played competitively game after game.

"We are still trying to reach our stride, but as the guys learn to trust each other on the court we will continue to grow every game," said Coach Bolden.

One strength that the Bobcats take pride in is the ability to defend against their opponents. The Bobcats are 11-10 overall and 6-6 in the division.

Throughout the season the men's and women's teams have made it an important ritual in preparation for each game to know their competitors' strengths and weaknesses. The players are hardworking and eager to attack any situation presented on the court. Both teams are commendable representations of JCJC.

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The Bobcats and Lady Bobcats headed down the court against East Central Community College on Jan. 25. PHOTOS BY BROOKE MCNABB

The Pick Six

This month our very own Radionian staff will be picking NBA and College Baseball games. The pickers will be Zach McClain, Makayla Puckett, Kristen Feraci, Olivia Ward, Bethany Morris and Sam Houston.

NFL & NCAA FOOTBALL SELECTIONS

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Southern Miss Vs. Ole Miss	Southern Miss	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Southern Miss	Southern Miss	Souther Miss
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LSU Vs. Missouri	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU

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JCJC sophomores are Kaylee McLaurin of Laurel, August Parker of Laurel, Beth Owen of Wiggins and Brooke Cran of Waynesboro. The freshmen are Kaitlyn Craig of Petal, Ariadna Jordan and Mireia Jordan of Spain. JCJC freshmen Ariadna Jordan and Mireia Jordan are twins from Spain that are very solid in both singles and doubles.

"The Spanish twins are solid singles players on their own, but intense when they are put together in doubles," said Head coach Brooks Buffington.

In the fall, the women's team was undefeated, and they look to contend at Nationals. The women's team is stronger from the top. JCJC sophomore, Beth Owen was in the third spot last season and is now in the first spot.

The men's team includes two sophomores and six freshmen. JCJC sophomore Jed Slover of Laurel is the only returning player for the men's team. Joining him is sophomore James Estrada from Saucier. The freshmen are Cody Courtney of Florence, Erin Fishcer of Wesson, Conner Henderson of Petal, Mitar Milosavljevic of Serbia and Noel Monsalve of Venezuela. Though the men's team lacks in match experience, the team consists of solid freshman players. Also, new sophomore James Estrada does well in doubles.

"I like the potential the guy's team has, good quality guys," said Buffington.

This is Buffington's second year as tennis coach at JCJC, and he feels he is more prepared for this season. Buffington holds all his players in high regard.

"Good quality group of kids, I love my team," said Buffington.

As the tennis team continues their season they will play away games at Blue Mountain College on March 1 at 1 p.m. They will also play at East Central Community College on March 3 at 11 a.m. and at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on March 6 at 1 p.m. The next home games for the tennis team is March 2 against Delta State University at 4:30 p.m. and March 8 against Meridian Community College at 2 p.m.

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Magazine" to showcase the vast differences in their experiences, but how they all had a similar problem. They had all survived through some form of abuse or sexual assault. The group of people ranged from a male director hailing from Los Angeles, California to a strawberry farmer from Mexico. "The Silence Breakers" were named "Time Magazine's Person of the Year."

"I'm not going to let you or your client make me feel in any way that this is my fault," musician Taylor Swift said in her testimony August 2017 when she spoke out against Denver Radio host, David Mueller, about groping under her skirt during a press picture.

"I'm being blamed for the unfortunate events of his life that are a product of his decisions. Not mine," Swift said to the courtroom. Mueller was fired after the popstar brought the incident to the public, so he decided to sue her for defamation of damages. Swift countersued for $1 million.

This iconic statement was another driving force in the #MeToo movement. It is time that we hold people accountable for their actions. Speak up against violence. Don't hold your tongue when you see sexual assault. We can work to make this world better, one voice at a time.

When you hear "#MeToo," will you stand up and say "#NoMore?"

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is no huge difference between Obamacare and AHCA. In fact, this bill has made health insurance harder to use and less affordable.

Obamacare either had people who were insured or had them pay fines. Trump has demonstrated that if a sick person needs care and does not have health insurance, then the insurance companies can charge a 30% premium. This method does not work at all. The Republicans' theory on this is to charge the sick higher premiums as long as they have some kind of fallback option for coverage. This is a high risk Congress is willing to take.

The goal of this new bill is supposed to empower the market, instead it is a plagiarized version of Obamacare with Trump's name on it. The very few differences that Trump has made have worsened the market as a whole. The AHCA does not mandate that all Americans be covered by some form of health insurance or be fined, but it still hurts Americans by requiring those who don't maintain a continuous coverage to pay a huge fine when they want to again have insurance. However, there is still hope that the Affordable Health Care Act will be fixed by Congress some day.

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regulation, similar to under state ownership." These monopolies can drastically raise prices due to corporate greed and make things more difficult for the consumer.

Privatization tends to ignore public interest in favor of profit. This tends to happen in the healthcare and prison systems. The New York Review of Books said "Doctors in privatized hospitals may perform unnecessary surgeries to increase revenues or avoid treating patients whose care may be too expensive." This can happen in the veteran's affairs departments. Instead of helping the veterans of the U.S, the Trump administration is attempting to hand veterans off to others.

According to USA Today, "the administration continues to oppose virtually every major veteran's service organization with its scheme to divert even more VA funds to a voucher program, which will hand money and veterans over to the for-profit, private system. Expansion of vouchers, at the cost of funding for VA facilities, will see the VA eventually become a pass-through for money to be sent to the private sector. In layman's terms: "a slush fund." The VA will lose resources, and the private sector will gain." The United States has already done very little to protect the veterans. Instead of helping, the government is handing them off to someone else.

In the prison system, privatization has done no good at all. The New York Review of Books stated in an article that, "The Federal Bureau of Prisons recently concluded that privatized prisons were not as safe as those run by the bureau itself and were less likely to provide effective programs for education and job training to reduce recidivism." Instead of creating a safe and effective environment for prisoners, the privatization industry has done nothing but fuel more corporate greed.

There are many areas that the government needs to stay out of, but business is not one of them. Without regulations, business becomes a dangerous breeding ground for monopolies and greed. Instead of privatizing local businesses, regulate those who have a large hand in the corporate money pot. This may help encourage new competition in the business world.

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prepare mentally to survive the rigors of the season and the challenges that come your way you have a chance to win games and to be successful," said Kirtland. "We set the standard high here and we expect our guys to work hard to reach those expectations we set as a team."

The Bobcats started their season-long fight in a double header against Southwest Tennessee. JCJC won the first game 13-7 and the second game 6-2. The Bobcats are currently undefeated with a record of 6-0.

After falling short of the NJCAA DII title, the Lady Bobcats softball team is back and chasing after another spot in the national tournament.

"Our goal is to be there in the end with a chance to play for a national championship," said Head coach Chris Robinson. "In doing that we must reach our daily goal of maximum effort. If we accomplish that, the wins and losses will take care of themselves."

Many of the players are able to play multiple positions on the diamond giving the Lady Bobcats a unique versatility. With eight players returning, the Lady Bobcats also have a great deal of leadership and camaraderie working for their advantage.

"They are a very tight-knit group of young ladies, and they will do a tremendous job working together this year," said Robinson.

The winning culture in the JCJC softball program not only stems from the tremendous work of the coaching staff but also the attitude of the players.

"They motivate each other because they have bought into the idea of what Jones softball is," said Robinson.

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Russia during 2016, the White House allegedly asks Comey and Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe to publicly deny the report. Comey later indicates that he told Trump that such communications between the White House and FBI were inappropriate." This was only the start of a full-blown investigation.

The current President also has many against him for his tweets and comments made about those speaking against him. After tweeting things like "@MeghanMcCain was terrible on @TheFive yesterday. Angry and obnoxious, she will never make it on T.V. @FoxNews can do so much better!" many see him as a bully.

Despite his successes, Trump has not been in favor with many in the United States. He still has a long way to go in three years if he expects to deliver on all his promises. Instead of tweeting at all hours of the day, the President should be focusing on working on the kinks in his policies. The office of President of the United States is one to be respected, but with a morality problem like his, it is difficult for many to respect him.

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is more than just a pretty face on the sidelines.

Freshman cheerleader Ty Thomas from Pascagoula said, "I have played many other sports, but being a cheerleader is probably the hardest. Anybody can play football, baseball and basketball, but not everyone can cheer."

During breaks such as Christmas, Thanksgiving and summer vacation, cheerleaders only get a portion of that break to themselves, and the other time is spent on the mat practicing, preparing routines, and developing techniques for The UCA National Championship.

The championship has taken place each year for over 20 years. Jones competed in 2017 and ranked fourth place. This was an amazing achievement for the team, but they acknowledged that even with a huge accomplishment, there is room for improvement.

The focus for this year's championship was spent on perfecting their routine, and for the first time, the Bobcats stuck the routine in competition and made a near perfect score. Jones did not receive a first-place metal, but according to the team, they won.

Jones cheerleader Corrine Munson from Picayune said, "Our goal in competition was not to rank in a certain place; our goal was to execute our routine."

Performance of more strenuous routines receives a higher placing in the competition. The more difficult the stunt, however, means the more dangerous it is to perform. The Bobcats are working on being able to achieve more difficult stunts moving forward, but for the moment, the win on execution is an athletic achievement worth celebrating.

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governments have tried to recreate the same outcome. However, Thatcher's success was from only a small-scale conversion.

There have been instances like the BP oil spill and, according to an article on Salon, the discontinuation of plutonium purchases by USEC that have proved to be failed attempts at privatization. While both BP and USEC had pure intentions of saving money for the better, safety, regulation and national security were overlooked in the process and caused unnecessary turmoil in the United States.

If privatization can be utilized in a positive and effective way, then it should be considered on a smaller scale. There are some instances in which private businesses have been helpful. Some things, like the military, however, should definitely be left to the government to mandate. It's clear President Trump agrees, as he stated in his State of the Union Speech on Tuesday, Jan. 20 that the military will be fully funded by the government.

Privatization sounds great in theory, but can often fall flat in practice. It is an applaudable effort to save the public's money, but there are also way too many risks involved with it. It could work in small doses, but it isn't something that should be at the core of the American nation

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preference.

As a whole, "Culture II" is a pretty good album. It has catchy songs, upbeat vibes and each individual song has its own charm. This album could be for Migos fans or even those who are just looking for some new music to try out.

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explore a vast area containing various biomes, and even come across unique weapons in their travels.

Keeping with the trend, four years passed before "Far Cry 3" made its way onto store shelves and into players' homes in 2012. In the game, the players took the role of Jason Brody, an American tourist who gets kidnapped while on a set of islands in the Pacific Ocean. This game made a number of additions to the series, namely in the form of a crafting system that allowed the players to make their own healing items, make holsters in order to carry additional weapons, and create bags to carry more ammunition and money. Many of these craftable items required pelts from rare and hard-to-find animals, which promotes exploration of the diverse world that the developers of the game have laid out.

Breaking the four-year trend, "Far Cry 4" was the next game in the series to be released, making its way into players' collections in 2014. The player follows Ajay Ghale on his quest to spread his mother's ashes in the fictional country of Kyrat, which is set in the Himalayan region of the world. The player swiftly comes into contact with Pagan Min, the nation's eccentric and tyrannical leader.

Joining a rebel group known as the Golden Path, the player can explore the country of Kyrat, though there is a hidden ending that players can achieve simply by waiting at a table for Min's return instead of leaving. Doing so will result in Min allowing the player to plant Ajay's mother's ashes at a temple while Min tells Ajay of his family's history. This ending is by far the easiest of all the available endings to achieve, but the player misses out on the vast majority of the game by doing so.

"Far Cry 5," through the number of trailers that have been released, has already shown that it will have a more than unique cast of characters to accompany the player on the mission to free Hope County, Montana from the members of a zealous doomsday cult. Those same trailers also showcased that this latest addition to the series will feature a healthy collection of weapons, explosions and innumerable experiences for players to make vibrant memories.

Players will no doubt have a wide array of stories to share once they have had a chance to immerse themselves in the new world. Caution just needs to be applied when it comes to the plethora of high explosives that will no doubt litter the game world. Chain reactions can very easily take down much more than first thought.

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Coach Bolden said, "Not only are our players great athletes, it is important that they exemplify what great students are as well. It is our goal that they each go on to four-year university and have continued success."

On Feb. 12 both teams faced-off against the Southwest Bears. The Lady Bobcats controlled the ball offensively and defensively from the beginning of the game. Sophomore Nique Cherry attacked the basket, contributing 22 points. The Lady Bobcats outscored the Southwest Lady Bears 78-56.

Throughout the first half of the game the JCJC Bobcats and Southwest Bears scored back to back, keeping the score tight. Freshman guard Winceton Edwards led the Bobcats with 25 points. The Bears took the lead defeating the Bobcats 82-74.

The Bobcat teams then took on the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Bulldogs on Feb. 15. Sophomore K.K. Tassin led the Lady Bobcats with 14 points, followed by sophomore guards Camryn London and Kira Bonner each with 13 points. Freshman center ZaKyia Weathersby also put up 13 points. The Lady Bobcats upset MGCCC with a huge defeat of 102-52.

The Bobcats led the score against MGCCC in the first half of the game. Freshman Winceton Edwards scored 19 points. JCJC fell short to the Bulldogs 71-63.

The men's and women's teams ended regular season games on Feb. 22 when Jones hosted Meridian. The teams are now competing in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges South Division Tournament, which began Feb. 26 at Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia.

While both teams hustle for another win, their goals are to qualify for state and regional tournaments and ultimately shoot for a chance at nationals.

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the difficulty of the courses. He mentioned that they are not too difficult if one pays attention in class. He said that he is enjoying the classes he is in right now. Before he graduated from high school, he took a one-month-long class during the summer at Jones. Ortlepp mentioned how that class was very difficult because of how fast it moved.

Ortlepp has decided that he wants to major in computer science and possibly graphic design. He got the idea to do a double major from some of the JCJC staff who pointed out that it was a possibility.

Ortlepp plans to continue his education after Jones at the University of Southern Mississippi. Although the transition from doing lessons at home to a college classroom were uncomfortable and difficult, Ortlepp said he will always remember that the kindness of faculty and other students made this transition a much easier process.

"The faculty and students are welcoming. They made me feel like I belonged," Ortlepp said.

Ortlepp said with the relationships he's making at Jones with faculty and students, he hopes to continue to transition and progress as he continues on through his time at JCJC.

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interact with professional engineers who have real experience in the working field. The club has also given students the chance to talk to engineers who are part of the NSPE and are employed with companies.

"The engineering society has really helped me to affirm my decision to pursue an engineering degree. It's been an excellent experience to be able to meet so many people, both students and professional engineers. And the pizza is great too," said sophomore engineering major Jamie P. Coleman III.

Boleware believes the Engineering Society helps students discover their career path early before they enter a university. The Engineering Society has also given students chances of receiving scholarships through the NSPE. Four of JCJC's engineering students received the scholarships to MSU at the annual Engineering Week Luncheon.

The students are Chris Power, Mechanical Engineering; Ben Armour, Chemical Engineering; Maggie Merrell, Chemical Engineering; and James Coleman, Civil Engineering.

To find out more about the Engineering Society, contact Boleware at mary.boleware@jcjc.edu.

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Gulfport, Mississippi native and graduate from New Orleans School of Art, tells a periling story of habitat loss with the imagery of birds. Dedeaux uses photo manipulation along with digital painting. His background in science and painting led him to captivating images that progressively tell a story of the evolution of hybrid birds that learn to live off technological advances.

Dedeaux's favorite piece "Cardinalis Fortitude" is perhaps the most interesting piece as the viewer can see many different types of imagery that goes along in the story. The piece features male cardinals surrounded by the corpses of dead female cardinals, symbolizing how extinction starts.

"Birds are indicator species," said Dedeaux. "They help us know what's going on with the environment, when they have troubles then so will we."

Students who are interested in viewing the exhibit may visit the gallery in the Visual Arts Center. JCJC students are welcome to stop by and view the works by scheduling an appointment or locating a teacher or work-study student if the doors are closed.

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"FCA is a welcoming place, an intentional place and is going to give you equipment to encourage you in the greatest mission in life," said Pittman. Although the name of the organization includes 'athletes' all students are welcome to attend. The organization meets on Monday nights at 7 p.m., however, the location varies. For more information follow @jonesfca on Instagram and twitter.

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investment.

There was a two-year gap between the scorch trials and this final movie. During the filming of the second movie actor Dylan O'Brien, who plays Thomas in the maze runner trilogy, suffered an injury on set that turned out to be worse than was originally thought. Despite this setback the final movie in this series turned out to be a huge success, pulling in over $23.5 million on opening weekend.

Fans of the first two movies will definitely find the final film interesting and attention grabbing. For those looking for a great new action movie that's also full of emotion, this is a good one.

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"I love chili and I really wanted to go to the cook off last year, but I was taking the ACT. This year I'm so glad I could attend and I'm also really glad I brought my rain jacket. Even though we got rained on, we were able to enjoy a delicious lunch. Each booth gave sample cups of chili and some even provided cornbread and desserts," Morris said.

Students at Jones should take advantage of local events such as these because it boosts our local economy.

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"They get a warm Irish welcome with lots of tea and goodies in three Irish homes, and they experience what the locals experience," said Coach Deasley.

There will be 25 people going on the trip. "This will be my first time traveling out of the country, so I am really excited I get to do it with my team," said JCJC freshman Hannah Sanford. The team has had many fundraisers, and they welcome any donations.

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others," she said. "It was a great break from all the stress and worry from school and everything else. I'm glad Jones has these events because it allows me to meet new people and make memories."

By setting the ticket prices at $5 a couple and $3 individually, it encouraged many young couples on campus to attend, and with it being around Valentine's Day, it was the perfect time for students to get dressed up and have a great time with a significant other or just good friends.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

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by Linda Thistle

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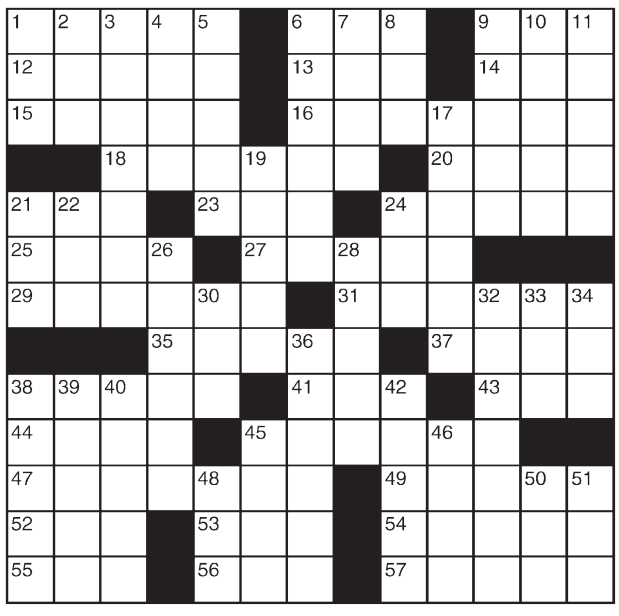

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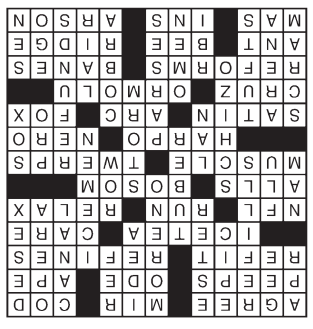

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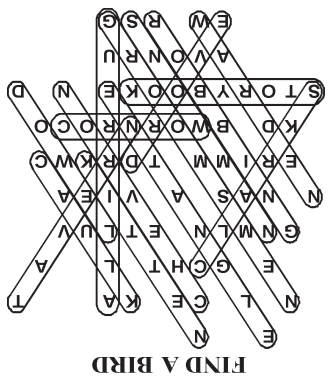

Healthy choices good for not only physical health, but also mental

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Paying attention to physical health is important, especially in college when students' lives are occupied by school, work, tests, friends and the future. It can be hard to eat right, sleep enough and get adequate exercise, but it can be even harder to manage mental health.

Apart from the stress of everyday life, mental health can also be negatively impacted by a lack of physical health and an unhealthy diet. It is important to keep in mind that healthy choices are not only good for physical health, they are also necessary for mental health.

Physical exercise can have a lot of positive effects on a person's mental health. An article on helpguide.org said, "People who exercise regularly tend to do so because it gives them an enormous sense of well-being. They feel more energetic throughout the day, sleep better at night, have sharper memories, and feel more relaxed and positive about themselves and their lives. And it is also powerful medicine for many common mental health challenges."

Why does exercise work so well as a mood booster? According to the same article, it reduces inflammation, promotes feelings of well-being, releases endorphins (feel good chemicals in the brain) and it can also act as a distraction from negative thoughts.

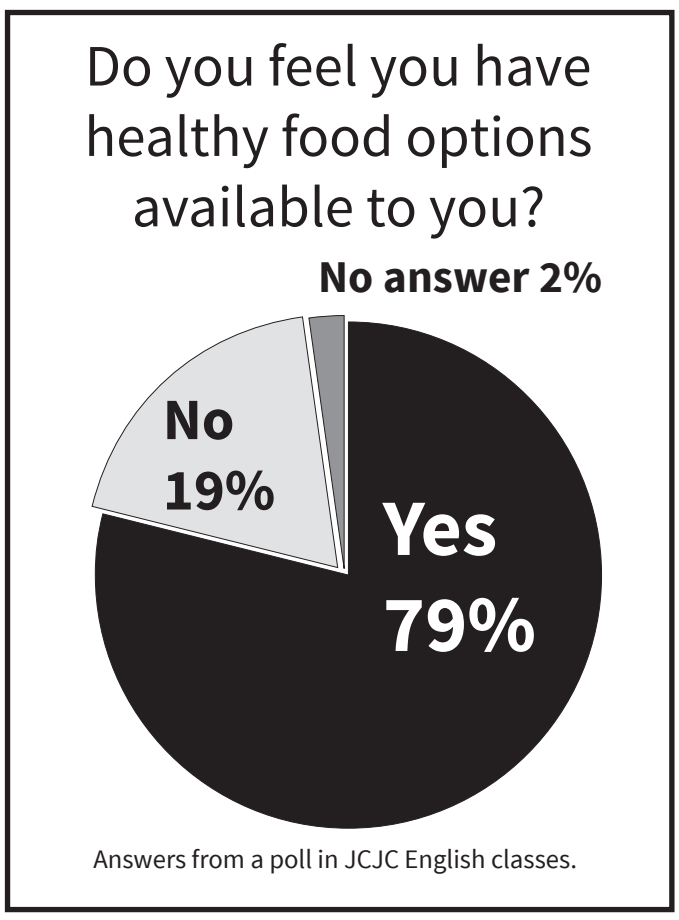
One thing that really has an impact on mental and physical health is sleep. A lack of sleep long-term, or sleep deprivation, can have serious effects on the way the body and mind function. According to healthline.com, a lack of sleep can cause mood swings and in serious cases, depression, suicidal thoughts and paranoia. Healthline.com said that a lack of sleep affects the effectiveness of the body's immune system.

Without sleep, the body cannot create the necessary chemicals that the immune system relies on, making it harder to fight off and recover from illnesses. Sleep deprivation can also have negative effects on the respiratory and cardiovascular systems along with memory and hormone levels. Sleep can also affect weight. "Along with eating too much and not exercising, sleep deprivation is another risk factor for becoming overweight and obesity."

Eating disorders are a mental problem that make a huge impact on one's physical health. Stress can cause a person to stress eat or obsess over body image or both. Some common eating disorders are anorexia (or under-eating), bulimia and binge-eating. According to mentalhealthamerica.net, these disorders, if left untreated, can be life-threatening. Eating disorders are mental illnesses that can cause people to become severely over- or under-weight and endanger their lives, but medical supervision and therapy, among other treatments, have been proven to help those who suffer from eating disorders.

Mental health affects physical health and physical health affects mental health. In order to be truly healthy, one must take into consideration how one treats both his or her body and mind. Healthy eating, exercise, and getting enough sleep are just a few ways to help take care of yourself both physically and mentally. If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues, counseling services are offered to students in the Student Success Center. Call (601) 477-4257 or email amanda.mcleod@jcjc.edu

Freshman Micaela Johnson enjoys a cup of tea as one way to destress from the day. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS



Answers from a poll in JCJC English classes.

Fitness choices abound at Jones

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Making exercise a habit can seem like such a hassle. Most of the time, there's either work, school or friends that take up a student's daily schedule. There's also the possibility that students are nervous about going to the gym or do not know how to start exercising.

According to JCJC's exercise physiologist, Lavon Jones, there is a lot to learn about how to take care of your physical health. The biggest tip that Jones gave about how to keep up physical health is by following three simple steps: diet, exercise, and rest.

JCJC provides a wonderful gym that is open Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Students are required to fill out the school's free gym application and to have their ID to scan at the door. Classes are also provided four times a week to help students exercise in a more fun group setting. If a student wants personal one-on-one training, then they can set an appointment with any of the certified coaches. However, there is also guidance and help at the gym for students who come in on their own.

Jones advises students to start slow and work their way up. Walking 30 minutes everyday around JCJC's lake trail can go a long way. After walking three to five days a week, start to increase the speed and time to gain improvement.

Jones said, "It's never too late to start exercising and taking care of your body."

Playing sports for fun can also be a great way to get active. A student does not have to be on one of JCJC's sports teams in order to play that specific sport.

There are intramural sports teams students can join by contacting JCJC's tennis coach, Brooks Buffington, or just grab some friends and play on your own. One of JCJC's freshmen, Tom Scoggin, recently played for the intramural soccer team called the Munchkins.

"Being on the team I was a part of and playing with the people I played was very challenging because of the intensity between each team. It was very fun and challenging for me to keep my composure against them. Yes, it was very beneficial and taught me to keep my composure," said Scoggin.

As long as students stay active and do not binge watch TV shows all day, staying physically healthy can be a lot easier.

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different points throughout the fall and spring semesters. Classes such as aerobics, spin and Zumba are offered to students weekly. More information on these classes can be found in the weekly "This Week at Jones," email.

In addition to physical health, emotional health is important. JCJC offers stress management classes to students throughout the semester. There are also counseling services offered, for school related problems as well as personal issues.

You are given one body and it is important to take care of it. There will never be a better time to start than now.

Healthy eating may require thoughtful planning, choices

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SPORTS EDITOR

Many college students today look to live healthy lives while in college, but they tend to eat food that is not healthy, like fast food or sugary snacks. Although college students usually pick these foods for their convenience and low cost, they can still live a healthy lifestyle even on a tight budget.

College students should try and cut out any sugary foods or drinks because excess of sugar in a person's body can make it very difficult for a person to lose weight or retain essential nutrients the body needs. According to an article from HealthLine.com, water consumption is necessary for a healthy lifestyle for both men and women. Men should drink 13 cups of water a day and women should drink nine cups of water a day to replenish the body. If a person drinks only soft drinks, then that person is not allowing his or her body the ability to clean itself.

Eating fast food is very popular among busy college students. Fast food tends to taste very good and usually costs very little. According to an article from HealthyEating.com, constant consumption of fast food without eating healthier foods can cause obesity, type two diabetes or heart disease and even acne. Students can help their search for a healthier lifestyle by putting down the double bacon cheese burger and picking up a salad.

Freshman Patrick Callen prepares a salad in the JCJC cafeteria. Students can find healthy options on campus and at local restaurants if they choose wisely. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

Almost all of the fast food restaurants have a salad or other healthy options on their menus if that is the only option for one's meal. Students can stop cravings with healthy snack choices to draw them away from the easy accessibility of fast food.

"College students can pre-prepare snacks," said certified nutritionist and Jones nutrition teacher Anna Brasher. "A person should portion out snacks to about a fourth of a cup. Students should also consume more low fat dairy products like skim milk, yogurt and cheese. Also eating dried fruits is a good way to eat healthier."

Living a healthy lifestyle is not something a person can just pick up out of the blue, a healthy lifestyle is a process. College students can eat healthy on a budget if they look for healthier food and drink substitutions. People shouldn't feel discouraged or intimidated from the challenges of eating healthy. They should just keep sticking to a healthy eating plan and will eventually see results.

At the Mardi Gras dance are, left photo, Audrey Arguello, Hayley Smith and Carley Ishee; middle photo, Kenon Cain and Brandi Burge; right photo, James Jones. Photos by Bethany Morris

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includes about $37 million to restore the funding previously cut. The other $25 million is for salary improvements for faculty and staff.

As of right now the appropriation bill has been passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate, which means the bill has moved to conference where legislators will discuss and eventually finalize the state's budget. This is where the MACJC and community college stakeholders are attempting to step in.

"Calling to action requires us to ask directly," said JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith.

The organization has put together an advocacy strategy including informative literature and social media content. In addition, faculty and staff from community colleges around the state are personally contacting their state legislators about the issue. Despite the fact that it is a difficult issue to get passed, there are supporters in the house as well as the senate.

"Representatives Donnie Scoggin, Shane Barnett, Gary Staples and John Read are warriors for us. They are huge supporters of community colleges," said Smith.

MACJC hopes that other supporters of fair and equitable funding will contact their representatives or senators about the issue. For more information or questions about who to contact, visit www.fillthegap.ms.

Jones County Junior College students met with state legislators for lunch in Jackson to thank them for their support and remind them of the importance of community colleges for Mississippi's economic growth. Pictured are, front row, left to right, Rep. Shane Barnett (District 86 – Greene, Perry, Wayne); Judy Prine, JCJC Faculty and Staff Association member; JCJC students Makayla Puckett of Lucedale and Olivia Ward of Richland; Hannah Burnham of Collins; second row, JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith; Kelly Atwood, JCJC FSA member; JCJC students Kristen Feraci of Hattiesburg and Bethany Morris of Pachuta; Matthew Burnham, JCJC FSA president; back row, State Auditor Stacey Pickering; JCJC students Baylee Walter of Carriere and Zach McClain of Laurel; and Rep. Donnie Scoggins (District 89 – Jones).

Snow on Campus

JCJC was closed twice for snow in the past three months. First on Dec. 8 and again on Jan. 17. Some dorm students remained on campus. Freshmen Emma Sanders and Katie Nabors clearly enjoyed their time in the snow while others, like freshman Peyton Harris and sophomore Jacob Vick, may not have enjoyed the cold as much. Photos by Brooke McNabb

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